# What Every Member of the Trade Community Should Know About:

# Textile & Apparel Rules of Origin

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#### **PREFACE**

On December 8, 1993, Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057), which is also known as the Customs Modernization Act or "Mod Act," became effective. These provisions amended many sections of the Tariff Act of 1930 and related laws. Two new concepts which emerge from the Mod Act are "informed compliance" and "shared responsibility." These concepts are premised on the idea that in order to maximize voluntary compliance with Customs laws and regulations, the trade community needs to be clearly and completely informed of its legal obligations. Accordingly, the Mod Act imposes a greater obligation on Customs to provide the public with improved information concerning the trade community's responsibilities and rights under the Customs and related laws. In addition, both the trade and Customs share responsibility in carrying out import requirements. For example, under section 484 of the Tariff Act, as amended, (19 U.S.C. §1484) the importer of record is responsible for using reasonable care to enter, classify and value imported merchandise, and provide any other information necessary to enable Customs to properly assess duties, collect accurate statistics and determine whether any other applicable legal requirement is met. The Customs Service is then responsible for fixing the final classification and value of the merchandise. The failure of an importer of record to exercise reasonable care may lead to delay in the release of merchandise or the imposition of penalties.

This office has been given a major role in meeting Customs informed compliance responsibilities. In order to provide information to the public, Customs intends to issue a series of informed compliance publications, and possibly CD-ROMs and videos, on topics such as value, classification, entry procedures, determination of country of origin, marking requirements, intellectual property rights, record keeping, drawback, penalties and liquidated damages.

The Textile Branch, Commercial Rulings Division, Office of Regulations and Rulings has prepared this *Index of Rulings* as a companion to *What Every Member of the Trade Community Should Know About: Textile & Apparel Rules of Origin*, as part of a series of informed compliance publications advising the trade community of changes in Customs procedures as a result of the Mod Act and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. It is hoped that this material, together with seminars and increased access to Customs rulings, will help the trade community in improving voluntary compliance with the Customs laws.

The information provided in this publication is for general information purposes only. Recognizing that many complicated factors may be involved in customs issues, an importer may wish to obtain a ruling under Customs Regulations, 19 CFR Part 177, or obtain advice from an expert (such as a licensed Customs Broker, attorney or consultant) who specializes in Customs matters. Reliance solely on the general information in this pamphlet may not be considered reasonable care.

Comments and suggestions are welcomed, and should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner at the Office of Regulations and Rulings, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229.

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#### RULES OF ORIGIN FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL PRODUCTS

#### INTRODUCTION

Section 334 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (Pub. L. 103-465, codified as 19 U.S.C. § 3592) established rules of origin for textile and apparel products which are imported into the Customs Territory of the United States. Except as otherwise provided by statute, these rules apply for purposes of the Customs laws and the administration of quantitative restrictions (quotas). The law required the Secretary of the Treasury to promulgate implementing regulations, which appear as section 102.21 of the Customs Regulations (§ 102.21 CR, 19 CFR § 102.21).

This *Index of Rulings* is a companion to *What Every Member of the Trade Community Should Know About: Textile & Apparel Rules of Origin*, which explains the rules. While it is only a guide, that publication provides the basis of the rules in a format which should be useful to importers and exporters.

It must be remembered that this publication is only an index to rulings. It should only be used as a general guide and starting point for your research. If there are any technical questions, they should be addressed to the Commercial Rulings Division or to the National Commodity Specialists Division, in the Office of Regulations and Rulings. Multi-country processing of goods often leads to origin determinations based upon the place where the most important processing operation occurred or, if that cannot be ascertained, the last place where an important processing operation occurred. Such determinations can only be made on a case-by-case basis, conditioned upon the specific facts in each case. As such, binding rulings are recommended. Binding ruling requests and technical questions may be sent to:

U.S. Customs Service
Director, National Commodity Specialists Division
6 World Trade Center
CIE, Room 437, ATTN: Binding Rulings Section
New York, New York 10048 or

Office of Rulings and Regulations Commercial Rulings Division U.S. Customs Service 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20229 Although ruling requests may be sent to New York or Headquarters, as a general rule initial rulings are issued by the National Commodity Specialists Division in New York, while Customs Headquarters considers any appeals.

The requestor should be sure to specify that the ruling is requested pursuant to the textile and apparel rules of origin in § 334. Complete information should be supplied as to manufacturing and processing and a sample (or drawings if a sample is not practical) showing exact subassemblies or processing steps should be submitted with the request for a ruling. Rulings requested from New York should be answered within 30 days if information provided by the requestor is complete.

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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No
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	Men's Woven Shirts	June 21, 1996	HQ 559853
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	Chef's Jacket	Apr. 7, 1997	HQ 559411
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	Men's Woven Shirt	March 3, 1998	HQ 961048
	Men's Woven Shirt	March 10, 1998	NY C84514

Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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Knit Tops	Sweatshirt	May 6, 1996	HQ 958713
	Turtleneck	May 24, 1996	HQ 958655
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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No
	Knit Shirt	Aug. 6, 1996	HQ 959482
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	Turtleneck T-Shirt	Aug. 6, 1996	HQ 959482
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	T-Shirt, oversized with Crew Neck	Sep. 5, 1996	HQ 959593
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	Men's Polo Shirts	Nov. 5, 1996	HQ 959899
	Polo Style Shirt	Nov. 5, 1996	HQ 959900
	Pullover Shirt	Nov. 5, 1996	HQ 959902
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	T-Shirt	Nov. 26, 1996	HQ 560044
	Golf Shirt	Jan. 16, 1997	HQ 959590
	Men's Knit Shirt	Feb. 21, 1997	NY B81348
	Polo Shirt	Feb. 24, 1997	HQ 960059

Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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	Man's Knit Shirt	December 30, 1997	NY C82392
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	Men's Knit Pullovers	March 12, 1998	NY C84515
	Men's Knit Pullover	March 24, 1998	NY C84911
	Men's Knit Garment	May 28, 1998	NY C87250
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	Woman's Knit Cardigan	July 14, 1998	HQ 960516
	Man's Knit Garment	August 7, 1998	NY C89988
	Knit Shirt	Sept. 29, 1998	HQ 960447
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	Knit to Shape Sweater	Aug. 5, 1996	HQ 959518
	Woman's Button-Front Knit Sweater	Sep. 9, 1996	HQ 959582
	Woman's Sleeveless Sweater Vest	Sep. 16, 1996	HQ 959628
	Women's Long Sleeve Cardigan Sweater	Sep. 16, 1996	HQ 959628
	Women's Cardigan	Oct. 3, 1996	HQ 959484
	Sweater Vest	Nov. 29, 1996	HQ 560178
	Long Sleeve Acrylic Sweater	Jan. 29, 1997	HQ 959772
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	Boys' Jacket	Nov. 7, 1996	HQ 959603
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	Men's Jacket	Jan. 27, 1997	HQ 959991

Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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	Child's Pullover Style Jacket	May 12, 1997	HQ 960404
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	Clarification of NY C81481	Jan. 9, 1998	HQ 961214
	Men's Outerwear Jacket	April 30, 1998	NY C86012
	Men's Outerwear Jacket	April 30, 1998	NY C86013
	Men's and Boys' Outerwear Jacket	April 30, 1998	NY C86014
	Men's Outerwear Jacket	May 12, 1998	NY C84660
	Men's Outerwear Jacket	June 24, 1998	NY C889903
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	Men's Jackets	July 22, 1998	NY C89908
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	Twill Shorts & Madras Shorts	Apr. 4, 1996	HQ 958923
	Women's Woven Wool Pants & Shorts	Apr. 10, 1996	HQ 958964
	Men's Woven Trousers	May 3, 1996	HQ 958926
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	Women's Cotton Woven Jumpsuit w/ Lining	May 21, 1996	HQ 959045
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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No
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Classification	Item	Date of Ruling	Customs Ruling No.
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	Shower Curtain	Sep. 26, 1996	HQ 959705
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	Pillow Sham	Nov. 1, 1996	HQ 959912
	Blanket	Nov. 4, 1996	HQ 959609
	Shower Curtain with PVC Liner	Nov. 22, 1996	HQ 959929
	Shower Curtain with PVC Liner	Nov. 22, 1996	HQ 959930
	Polar Fleece Blanket	Jan. 13, 1997	NY B80736
	Comforter	Jan. 22, 1997	HQ 959982
	Pillow Sham	Jan. 22, 1997	HQ 959982
	Dust Ruffle	Jan. 22, 1997	HQ 959982

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	Pillows	Jan. 27, 1997	HQ 959620
	Clarification of 959620	April 11, 1997	HQ 960388
	Comforters	Jan. 27, 1996	HQ 560068
	Curtain Panels	March 20, 1997	NY B82203
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	Comforter	Apr. 7, 1997	HQ 960287
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	Fabric Snowman Wall Hanging	May 6, 1997	NY B84233
	Pillow Cover and Pillow Case	May 8, 1997	NY B84100
	Shower Curtain	Aug. 22, 1997	HQ 960281
	Mattress and Pillow Cover	Oct. 22, 1997	HQ 960524
	Infant's Comforter Set	Dec. 30, 1997	NY C82614
	Cushions	Dec. 30, 1997	NY C82281
	Knit Sheet Set	March 17, 1998	NY C84792
	Down Comforters and Pillows	March 18, 1998	NY C85146
	Comforter, sham, bedskirt, and sheet set	Apr. 10, 1998	HQ 959813

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	Buckwheat Hull Filled Neck Pillow	Apr. 22, 1998	HQ 960870
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	Curtain Panels	Apr. 30, 1998	NY C86174
	Patchwork Pillow Cover	May 6, 1998	NY C86497
	Flat sheet, Fitted Sheet, Pillowcase, Kitchen Towel	May 13, 1998	NY C87031
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	Tablecloths	July 1, 1998	NY C88823
	Napkins, Table Tops, Tablecloths	July 7, 1998	NY C88792
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	Curtains and Valances	August 2, 1998	NY C89713
	Silk Pillow Cover	Sept. 1, 1998	NY D81079
	Blanket	Sept. 16, 1998	NY D81583
	Cushions	Oct. 1, 1998	HQ 962122
	Knit Blankets	Oct. 15, 1998	NY D82621
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	Blanket	Oct. 29, 1998	NY D83671

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<sup>r</sup> ents	Tents	Apr. 9, 1996	HQ 958972
	Cabin Tent	May 9, 1996	HQ 959179
	Dome Tent	May 9, 1996	HQ 959179
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	Me Too Play Tent	July 17, 1996	HQ 959394
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	Tents	Aug. 6, 1996	HQ 959481
	Canopy	Aug. 22, 1996	HQ 959533
	Backpacking Tent	Aug. 28, 1996	HQ 959462
	Backpacking and Family Tents	Aug. 28, 1996	HQ 959462
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	Tents	Sep. 17, 1996	HQ 959670
	Canopy	Oct. 1, 1996	HQ 959630
	Screen Houses	Dec. 20, 1996	HQ 959986
	Nylon Tents	April 1, 1997	HQ 960044
	Tents	Feb. 3, 1998	HQ 961118
Other Apparel and Garment Parts	Trouser Panels	June 20, 1996	HQ 959122

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	Knit and Woven Dress	June 20, 1996	HQ 959122
	Women's Suit with Handkerchief	July 3, 1996	HQ 959341
	Women's Dress and Belt	July 18, 1996	HQ 959342
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	Pram Suit with Mittens and Booties	Oct. 9, 1996	HQ 959527
	Babies' Jumpsuit	Nov. 8, 1996	HQ 959532
	Bustier	Nov. 27, 1996	HQ 559354
	Women's Dress, belt and shawl	Feb.20, 1997	HQ 960047
	Men's Suits	Jan. 27, 1997	HQ 560095
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	Unisex Woven Robe	May 7, 1997	NY B84236

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	Men's Suit Type Jacket Components	Sep. 1, 1997	HQ 959850
	Knit Dress	Sep. 30, 1997	HQ 960525
	Men's Suit-type Jacket Components	Nov. 1, 1997	HQ 960765
	Women's and Men's Spa Wraps	April 9, 1998	NY C85028
	Men's Suits and Vests	June 11, 1998	HQ 961552
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	Jacquard Fabric	July 19, 1996	HQ 959383
	Fabric	Aug. 9, 1996	HQ 959501
	Fiber Waste	Aug. 13, 1996	HQ 959339
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	Bib Apron and Sleeve Protector	Sep. 20, 1996	HQ 959672
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Customs Valuation Encyclopedia (with updates) is comprised of relevant statutory provisions, Customs Regulations implementing the statute, portions of the Customs Valuation Code, judicial precedent, and administrative rulings involving application of valuation law. A copy may be purchased for a nominal charge from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15250-7054.

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